

REMARKS

Claims 1-21 are presently pending in the application.

The Office Action sets forth a restriction to one of the following inventions as required under 35 U.S.C. §121:

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| Group I | Claims 2-4 and 16-27, drawn to an image display apparatus, including details regarding the light source section that supplies an illumination light, classified in Class 362, subclasses 231 and 257. |
| Group II | Claims 5-9, drawn to an image display apparatus, including details regarding the reflection type hologram for diffracting and reflecting the illumination light from the light source section so as to guide the illumination light to the display element, the reflection type hologram having diffusing properties, Classified in Class 359, subclasses 15 and 599. |
| Group III | Claims 13-15, drawn to an image display apparatus, including details regarding additional polarization elements disposed between the light source section and the reflection type hologram and between the reflection type hologram and the display element, classified in Class 353, subclass 20. |
| Group IV | Claims 18-21, drawn to an image display apparatus, including a transparent plate shaped prism and a second reflection type hologram for guiding an image light from the display element to an eye of a viewer, classified in Class 359, subclasses 15 and 599, and Class 353, subclass 81. |

Applicant selects Group II, claims 5-9, without traverse.

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It is noted that claim 1 is a linking claim for Groups I, II, III, and IV. Thus, in addition to the claims of Group II, initial examination should also examine claims 1 and 10-12.

This selection does not necessitate a change of inventors.

As the Examiner is aware, upon allowance of the linking claim, the restriction should be withdrawn and the non-elected claims then examined.


CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing remarks, this application is considered to be in condition for allowance, and an early reconsideration and a Notice of Allowance are earnestly solicited.

If an extension of time is required to enable this document to be timely filed and there is no separate Petition for Extension of Time filed herewith, this document is to be construed as also constituting a Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) for a period of time sufficient to enable this document to be timely filed. Any other fee required by this document, other than the issue fee, and not submitted herewith should be charged to Sidley Austin Brown & Wood LLP Deposit Account No. 18-1260. Any refund should be credited to the same account.

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